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Application Number	09/885,434
Filing Date	06/19/01
First Named Inventor	William J. Benett et al
Art Unit	2826
Examiner Name	Victor A. Mandala
Attorney Docket Number	IL-10473

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

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i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on 5/16/2003
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rely Brief previously filed on _____

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i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

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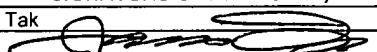
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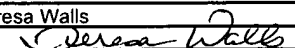
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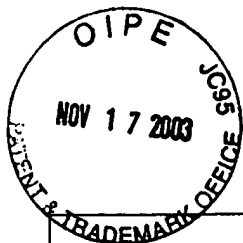
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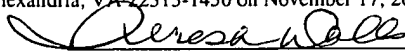
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SUBMISSION IN CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.114

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on May 16, 2003, made final, please amend the above-referenced application as outlined herein. Accompanying this communication is a petition to extend the prosecution for three months and the appropriate fees.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.

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